

Lewis University

American Rescue Plan, 2021 (ARP)

HEERF III Lewis University Allocation

- I. Lewis University acknowledges that the institution agrees with the Department of Education Certification and Agreement regarding the Supplemental Grant funds for students with the assurance that Lewis University will use, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 2003 of the ARP and section 314 of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- II. Lewis University was allocated \$5,727,753 for funding of Higher Education Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the American Rescue Plan or HEERF III.
- III. Lewis University will award approximately 50% of the HEERF III funds during the timeframe of July 1, thru December 31 of 2021. The remaining 50% will be awarded between January 1 and June 30 of 2022.
- IV. Lewis University has distributed \$2,746,500 to 2,223 student of our American Rescue Plan HEERF III student funds as of December 31, 2021
- V. Lewis University estimates that 5,593 students may be eligible to receive funding under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

HEERF III Awarding Criteria

- Must go to our neediest students
- Students have the option to allow us to pay their student bills, however they must opt in to it.
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- Can be used for any of the cost of attendance components

Award Calculation

Each student will receive an award of \$1,250 for Fall 2021 based on the criteria below

| Cost of Attendance Component | |
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| Books and Supplies | \$750 for the additional cost of Wi-Fi, Hot Spots, Software – WebEx, Teams and Zoom, Headset and ear buds associated with online learning due to the Pandemic |
| Miscellaneous | \$250 for the increased use of sanitizer, wipes and PPE – (face masks) required as a result of the pandemic |
| Transportation | \$250 for the increased cost of gas, maintenance that occurred after the initial budgets were established |

Undergraduate priorities

- Award based on EFC, Pell eligible and MAP eligible
- Exclude non-degree and dual credit students
- Awarded up to an EFC of less than 9000

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- Utilized the 2021-22 FAFSA for determining need

Graduates priorities

- Award based on EFC, used Pell and MAP criteria to determine the neediest
- Award to full time programs first, Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology
- Can include online programs, which would include our Wiley students
- Exclude non-degree and dual credit students
- Able to go up to an EFC of less than 9,000 with our full-time graduate students

NOTE: Enrollment was based on Fall 2021 registration as of census on 10/01/2021

Distribution to students

The email below will be sent to the students that meet the criteria outlined above. Included in this email is a link that allows a student to choose how they would like the grant to be disbursed. A deadline was set 10 days out from the date of the email to encourage completion in a timely manner. Those students that either do not have a 21-22 FAFSA or are unable to complete a 21-22 FAFSA will be sent a separate email with an attachment to an application that must be completed to be considered for HEERF III funds.

Email verbiage to awarded students

DATE

Dear «SPRIDEN_FIRST_NAME» «SPRIDEN_LAST_NAME»

This email is to inform you that you are receiving a HEERF III grant* as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$«Award_Amount». Lewis University can disburse this grant directly into your student account to help pay tuition and fees, but we need your consent or authorization.

Please use the following link to indicate your preference for receiving your HEERF III grant. If we do not hear from you by **October 22, 2021**, your grant money will be disbursed to you via direct deposit or mailed in the form of a check. You must carefully choose your preferred disbursement option because it cannot be changed afterwards.

<https://www.lewisu.edu/heerf-III/>

We are pleased to be able to disburse these additional funds to you as an enrolled student at Lewis University. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid Services at finaid@lewisu.edu.

Sincerely,

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Janeen Decharinte

Director of Financial Aid Services

*On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated additional assistance for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Email sent to students who may qualify but did not or cannot file a 21-22 FAFSA

DATE

Dear «SPRIDEN_FIRST_NAME» «SPRIDEN_LAST_NAME»

This email is to inform you that you may be eligible to receive a HEERF III grant* as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.

In order to determine your eligibility for funding under the ARP you need to complete the attached application and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid Services no later than **October 22, 2021**. Any applications received without the proper documentation will not be reviewed for eligibility.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid Services at finaid@lewisu.edu.

Sincerely,

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